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FIRST N.C.S. PLATINUM PROOF BRINGS \$2250.00 AT R.C.D.A. AUCTION

The No. 1 platinum proof of the first N.C.S. Commemorative was sold for \$2,250.00 by auctioneer Hank Bicecul at the R.C.D.A. Convention Auction in Reno, Nevada on June 6. The successful bidder was Ed Ross, Shofman, in Iowa City, Iowa.

This platinum proof was donated by the Society to the U. S. Olympic Games Fund, so the entire proceeds from this sale at auction will go to support the United States Olympic Team program, which was one of General MacArthur's most ardent interests.

SECOND PLATINUM PROOF TO BE IN HALL OF EDUCATION

Arrangements have been concluded to exhibit the No. 2 platinum proof of the MacArthur Memorial Coin Medal in the Hall of Education at the New York World's Fair, beginning June 22. The No. 2 platinum proof of each succeeding N.C.S. Commemorative will be added to the exhibit as each new issue is struck.

This special exhibit will appear in a showcase adjoining the U. S. Coin Company's permanent exhibit on the first floor of the Hall of Education.

It is expected that several million people will pass by and admire these valuable proofs, which will be struck from the same dies as the sterling silver proofs owned by each N.C.S. Member.

EXTRA COLLECTOR'S CASES NOW AVAILABLE

Extra N.C.S. collector's cases are now available to N.C.S. Members at \$8.50 each, postpaid.

NUMBER OF N.C.S. MEMBERS
AS OF JUNE 1, 1964

4509

SPECIAL COIN HOLDER AND NAMEPLATE TO ACCOMPANY EACH N.C.S. COMMEMORATIVE

To protect and attractively display N.C.S. coin medals in harmony with the elegance of the N.C.S. collector's case, each N.C.S. Commemorative will be accompanied by a clear styrene plastic coin holder. This holder easily slides apart to encase the coin medal. If you have difficulty opening it, press against both sides and push the sides in opposite directions with your fingers. After putting the coin medal inside, the case will be tightly tight.



An etched nameplate will also accompany each N.C.S. Commemorative. The first nameplate has been attached in the proper position in the collector's case for each Member. In future months, the monthly nameplate will have a pressure-sensitive backing so that it can be easily adhered to the red velvet in the case.

"IN GOD WE TRUST" SELECTED FOR AUGUST COMMEMORATIVE

More than two-thirds of the first 3500 Charter Members of N.C.S. cast their mail ballots for the second N.C.S. Commemorative, which will be issued in August.

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AUGUST COMMEMORATIVE (Cont.)

Official tally of votes was:

100th Anniversary of the first appearance of "IN GOD WE TRUST" on U.S. Coinage 112

40th Anniversary of J. Edgar Hoover as head of the F.B.I. 520

50th Anniversary of the Opening of the Panama Canal 306

100th Anniversary of the establishment of New York City 298

100th Anniversary of the admission of Nevada into the Union 117

75th Anniversary of the Omnibus Bill 67

GILROY ROBERTS TO DESIGN "IN GOD WE TRUST" MEDAL

Joseph M. Segel, our Board Chairman, proudly announced on June 9, 1964 that Gilroy Roberts, Chief Sculptor-Engraver of the United States Mint, had agreed to accept a private commission from the Society to design and sculpt the second N.C.S. Commemorative.

Mr. Roberts was appointed Chief Sculptor-Engraver of the Mint by the President of the United States on July 22, 1948. His most recent and famous work is the portrait of John F. Kennedy on the Kennedy half dollar. In his long and illustrious career with the Mint, he has designed and sculpted a number of famous Congressional medals, as well as modern coinage for five foreign countries.

MONTHLY BILL TO GO OUT 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE — MEMBERS MAY PAY WITHIN 30 DAYS

To give N.C.S. Members the longest possible time to pay for each new Commemorative, each bill will be sent out 2 months in advance. The Member may then pay within 1 month from the billing date to keep his Membership in good standing. That gives the Society just enough time to correct or transfer any Memberships that are allowed to lapse, so that not a single medal is struck that is not assigned to a Member in good standing.

To establish this schedule on a gradual basis, the bill for the 2d N.C.S. Commemorative (enclosed) with the shipment of the 1st Commemorative. The bill for the

3rd Commemorative will be sent out by itself on July 10. The bill for the 4th Commemorative will go out with the shipment of the 2nd Commemorative, the bill for the 5th will go out with the shipment of the 3rd, and so forth from that point onward.

The monthly Newsletter and bill for will also be sent along with the monthly Commemorative, so that everything will arrive at one time each month.

STERLING SILVER CONTENT SET FOR N.C.S. COIN MEDALS

Incept for the 3 platinum proofs struck each month, each N.C.S. coin medal will be struck on highly polished proof-quality sterling silver. The sterling silver will be at least 925/1000 fine and each N.C.S. coin medal will have a gross weight of at least 400 grams.

KENNEDY THEME ON BALLOT FOR SEPT. COMMEMORATIVE

Considering the number of Kennedy medals on the ballot, the Board of Directors originally thought it would be most appropriate to wait until November to produce a Kennedy Memorial Medal and then to do something a little different — a commemorative of the first anniversary of the lighting of the Eternal Flame by Jacqueline Kennedy.

However, the large number of nominations for a Kennedy memorial medal took the Board decide to include this popular subject on the current ballot — which is for the 3rd N.C.S. Commemorative, scheduled to be struck in September. If this is the subject selected by the Members on September Commemorative, we don't believe there is any reason why we should not produce a commemorative using the Eternal Flame theme prior to November. However, comments on this point and suggestions from Members would be appreciated.

The original nominating procedure has been modified slightly, at the suggestion of several Members, to avoid "burning up" too many good subjects too quickly. Starting with the current ballot, there will be more than two subjects of each monthly ballot. Two of these subjects will be those that came in 2nd and 3rd on the previous month's ballotage. The others will be the three new subjects that received the largest number of nominations on the current ballot.



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MONTHLY PLATINUM PROOF AUCTION TO BENEFIT ANA BUILDING FUND

The entire proceeds from the auction sale of Platinum Proof No. 1 of the second NCS Commemorative have been donated to the ANA Building Fund. (This piece will be auctioned off at the ANA Convention in Cleveland on August 22. The successful bid will be reported in the next issue of this Newsletter.)

The Board of Directors has decided to continue donating Platinum Proof No. 1 to the ANA Building Fund each month, until the Building Fund reaches its goal. The Board felt that ANA is the most appropriate non-profit organization to receive this monthly contribution, particularly during the important drive to establish a national home and headquarters for the association.

It is anticipated that Platinum Proof No. 1 of each NCS Commemorative will bring in the neighborhood of \$2,000.00 at auction, so ANA may well receive \$10,000.00 or more from NCS by the early part of 1965. When this figure is reached, NCS will become a "Benefactor" of ANA, and all NCS members can be justly proud of this planned achievement.

5252 IS THE MAGIC NUMBER

The final number of NCS Charter Memberships stands at 5252, nine of which are honorary. Charter Members are of all ages, come from all walks of life and from every part of North America. Included are many doctors, bankers, ministers, teachers and at least one Congressman and one State Supreme Court Justice. Many of the biggest names in the numismatic field are among the subscribers to this unique program.

After the deadline for accepting Charter Membership applications had passed, applications continued to come in at the \$40.00 membership fee and more are still coming in every week. These late applications have been turned down and have been

advised that the only way to obtain an NCS Membership now is to buy it from a Charter Member who is willing to sell or wait in line for the reassignment of a forfeited membership.

3rd COMMEMORATIVE TO PAY
TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN INDIAN;
4th TO HONOR FRANCIS SCOTT
KEY; 5th TO HONOR KENNEDY

As a result of the last two ballots distributed to NCS Members, the subjects have been selected for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Commemoratives.

The subject of the 3rd Commemorative, to be issued in September, is the American Indian. It is being designed by Dexter Jones, a brilliant young sculptor with an impressive list of statues and medallie issues to his credit.

The subject of the 4th Commemorative, to be issued in October, is the 150th Anniversary of the composition of The Star Spangled Banner by Francis Scott Key. It is being designed on a private commission by Frank Gasparro, Asst. Chief Sculptor-Engraver of the U.S. Mint, who is responsible for the design of reverse of Lincoln cent, the reverse of the Kennedy half-dollar and many medals issued under Acts of Congress.

The subject of the 5th Commemorative, to be issued in November, is a memorial tribute to John F. Kennedy. It is being designed by Anthony DeFrancisci, one of the deans of American medallie art. Mr. DeFrancisci's most memorable work is the design of the Peace Dollar.

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VOTING CLOSE FOR 7th COMMEMORATIVE; PILGRIMS WIN BY SLIM MARGIN

For the first time, several subjects on the NCS Ballot polled so closely that the winning subject could not be determined until the last batch of ballots was counted.

"The Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock" was declared the winning subject on October 15, the last day on which ballots could be counted for the 7th NCS Commemorative, which will be issued in January.

The final count was:

A Commemorative of the Landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock	950
A Commemorative of the 20th Anniversary of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima	883
A Commemorative of the First Flight of the Wright Brothers	782
A Memorial Tribute to Sgt. Alvin York	350
A Memorial Tribute to Dr. Tom Dooley	350

Carl Schmitz has been chosen to design and sculpt this commemorative coin-medal. Mr. Schmitz is one of the few living sculptors who has to his credit the design of a United States commemorative coin. The 1936 Delaware Tercentenary half dollar, commemorating the three-hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Swedes in Delaware, was designed and sculpted by Mr. Schmitz. He has also produced numerous other medallic pieces as well as large sculptures, for many institutions and governments. His work graces such important buildings in Washington as the Department of Justice Bldg., the Post Office Bldg., the Federal Trade Commission Bldg. and the Capitol itself.

Arrangements were made with Mr. Schmitz to design and sculpt the 7th NCS Commemorative several weeks before the winning subject was chosen, since leading

sculptors have to schedule their work many months in advance. It is a remarkable coincidence that a famous landing was chosen by NCS members as the subject which will be sculpted by the artist who sculpted another famous landing on a United States commemorative half dollar.

The second-place and third-place subjects from the 7th ballot are carried over to the current ballot, which is for the 8th NCS Commemorative to be issued in February. Three new subjects, which have been nominated and seconded by members in different States, complete the ballot.

November 19 is the date by which the current ballot must be received to be counted.

FIRST CLASS MAIL TO SPEED SHIPMENTS TO NCS MEMBERS

Beginning with this shipment, NCS will use First Class Mail, instead of Third Class Mail, to send out each member's monthly sterling silver proof, ballot, invoice and newsletter.

Third Class Mail was used originally because it can be insured by the Post Office, whereas First Class Mail cannot be.

However, we have found that the Post Office Inspectors can trace First Class Mail as effectively as Insured Third Class Mail, so we are switching to First Class Mail and NCS members can now look forward to receiving their package from NCS more promptly each month. This will also enable more NCS members to cast their ballots before the necessary deadline.

FIRST LIST OF COIN DEALERS INTERESTED IN BUYING AND SELLING NCS COMMEMORATIVES

Here is the first group of coin dealers who have expressed an interest in buying and selling NCS commemoratives and memberships:

Roy Small
Shawnee Hills Medalists, Harrisburg, Ill.

B. M. Jefferson
93-18 101st Ave., Ozone Park, N. Y.

Richard Gittis
Adelphi Stamp & Coin Co.
902 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

J. I. Blythe
Box 52413, Baton Rouge, La.

We will undoubtedly be adding names to this list in succeeding months.

As of this date, ownership of less than 30 of the 5252 NCS memberships has changed.

NCS is not always advised of the price at which NCS memberships have been sold, but reports have been made of memberships being sold for as low as \$50 and as high as \$100, plus \$10 to \$15 each for the proofs issued to date.

If you are interested in selling your membership or buying an additional membership, we suggest that you contact one of the dealers listed above, or ask your favorite dealer to put your request on his teletype.

PLATINUM PROOFS OF 3rd, 4th AND 5th SCHEDULED FOR AUCTION SALES

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 4th NCS Commemorative - The Statue of Liberty Coin Medal - will have been auctioned by the time this Newsletter is received. It is to be featured at the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association convention auction on October 24. The successful bid will be reported in the next issue of the Newsletter.

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 3rd NCS Commemorative - the American Indian Coin Medal - is the next one to be auctioned. It will be featured at the Great Eastern Numismatic Association Convention auction. The date: Saturday, December 5. The time: 1 PM. The place: Hotel New Yorker, New York City. The auctioneer: Charles Slade III.

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 5th NCS Commemorative - the Kennedy Memorial

Coin Medal - will be auctioned at the Florida United Numismatists convention in Miami Beach between January 15 and 17. More details in the next Newsletter.

NCS will donate the full proceeds from each of the three platinum proofs to the ANA Building Fund. Each of these unique rare platinum pieces is expected to bring in excess of \$2000.00, as has been the case with the first two NCS platinum proofs auctioned.

Only platinum proof No. 1 of each monthly NCS issue is offered for public sale. Platinum proof No. 2 is retained by the Society for special exhibitions, such as the New York World's Fair. (The platinum proofs of the first 10 NCS Commemoratives will be an outstanding display at the New York World's Fair when it reopens next April). Platinum Proof No. 3 of each issue is presented to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington for the national archives.

WHY NCS COMMEMORATIVES ARE CALLED COIN-MEDALS

There are many conflicting definitions of a coin and of a medal.

From a technical viewpoint, a *coin* is struck on a coining press with one or two blows, while a *medal* is struck on a medal press with several blows and annealing steps between blows. NCS Commemoratives are *coins*, in this sense.

From a monetary viewpoint, a *coin* has monetary value and a *medal* does not. NCS Commemoratives are *medals*, in this sense.

From a physical viewpoint, a *coin* has low relief and a *medal* has high relief. NCS Commemoratives are *coins*, in this sense, although they have outstandingly high relief as coins go.

From a numismatic viewpoint, a *coin* reverse is upside down in relationship to the obverse, while a *medal* reverse is right side up in relationship to the obverse. NCS Commemoratives are *medals*, in this sense.

Only government issued coins are purely *coins* without qualification. On the other extreme, medals with high relief are purely *medals*. Therefore, a series like the NCS Commemoratives, designed and produced like coins but not of government issue, can be best classified as *coin-medals*.



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ANTHONY DEFRANCISCI PASSES AWAY; LAST WORK IS NCS KENNEDY MEDAL

Anthony deFrancisci, considered by many to be the dean of American medallic sculptors, died in his sleep on October 20 in New York City, just three days after completing the Kennedy Memorial Coin-Medal for NCS. He was 77 years old.

On October 19, NCS Board Chairman Joseph M. Segel phoned Mr. deFrancisci to acknowledge receipt of the finished models and compliment him on his superb artistry in the design of this coin-medal. The noted sculptor expressed particular delight when Mr. Segel informed him that Membership No. 5252 was maintained for the benefit of the sculptors and that Mr. deFrancisci would be presented with proof No. 5252 of this coin-medal.

The next morning, Mr. Segel received the startling news that deFrancisci had passed away in his sleep during the night. The NCS proof that he wanted so much will be presented to his widow.

Mr. deFrancisci's most famous work was the Peace Dollar, first minted in 1921 and again to be minted this year. He also produced numerous other medallic masterpieces and his work is represented in nearly every major numismatic collection. The NCS Kennedy Memorial Coin-Medal will live on as a shining example of this great artist's warmth of expression. Because of the fact that it was his last work, and of such limited issue, it may well become the most coveted piece in the NCS series.

HERBERT HOOVER MEMORIAL TO BE SUBJECT OF 8th

"A Memorial Tribute to Herbert Hoover" was clearly the winning subject on the ballot for the 8th NCS Commemorative (which will be issued in February) based upon the ballots counted by November 16, three days prior to the close of balloting. Almost tied for second place were "A Commemorative of the First Flight of the

Wright Brothers" and "A Commemorative of the 20th Anniversary of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima", both of which are carried over to the current ballot. The other two subjects on last month's ballot, "A Commemorative of the 400th Anniversary of America's Oldest City - St. Augustine, Fla." and "A Commemorative of the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans" pulled very few votes and are being dropped. The final tally will be reported in the next Newsletter.

NCS MEMBERS TO BENEFIT FROM NEW FORFEITURE RULES

Effective December 1, forfeited memberships will no longer be reassigned by NCS to *non-members* on the waiting list. From that point on, until further notice, the Board of Directors has decided to make forfeited memberships available *only to Charter Members* who wish to purchase an additional membership for another member of their family.

However, since only about 15 to 20 memberships are forfeited each month, these forfeited memberships will be reassigned strictly on a first-come, first-served basis, with no member permitted to pick up more than one forfeited membership per year. All requests to pick up forfeited memberships will be carefully date-stamped and processed in the order of receipt.

When a forfeited membership is reassigned, the new owner acquires the right to purchase the monthly proofs that have not yet been paid for by the previous

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owner. The new owner is not, of course, entitled to the proofs that were paid for and received by the previous owner. But, in each case, the new owner will be given the name and address of the previous owner so that he can make an offer to obtain the earlier proofs if he wishes to complete the set.

Each request for the acquisition of a forfeited membership must be accompanied by a remittance of \$26.40 to cover the cost of 4 successive monthly proofs. This covers the last proof, which was struck during the grace period, the current proof, and the next two proofs - thus bringing the account up-to-date. No membership fee is levied when a membership is reassigned. If a new collector's case is desired, \$8.50 should be added to the remittance.

As a result of this new rule, non-members will be able to acquire an NCS Membership only by buying it from someone who already owns one.

PLATINUM PROOF OF 4th BRINGS \$2,100.00

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 4th NCS Commemorative - the Francis Scott Key Coin-Medal - was auctioned at the M.A.N.A. convention auction on October 24. The highest of three bidders, Robert M. Simon of Waterloo, Iowa, purchased this platinum proof for \$2,100.00. The entire proceeds were turned over to the A.N.A. Building Fund.

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 3rd NCS Commemorative - the American Indian Coin-Medal - is the next one to be auctioned. It will be featured at the Great Eastern Numismatic Association convention auction. The date: Saturday, December 5. The time: 1 PM. The place: Hotel New Yorker, New York City. The auctioneer: Charles Slade. This platinum proof is also expected to bring in excess of \$2,000.00.

NEXT NCS COMMEMORATIVE TO FEATURE "TRUE PROOF" FINISH

Although all NCS proofs issued to date have been produced with the overall mirror finish typical of recent vintage U.S. proof coins, we have been anxiously looking forward to the day when NCS could step up to the "true proof" finish typical of earlier U.S. proof coins and current proof coins produced by the British Mints.

This two-tone finish can be produced with ordinary minting equipment, but to produce quality pieces without visible imperfections requires specialized equipment and advanced minting techniques. Such equipment is being installed by the Minting Division of General Numismatics Corp. early in December, and NCS plans to become GNC's first customer.

LIST OF HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

The first nine memberships (No. 0001 through No. 0009) and the last membership (No. 5252) are honorary; i.e., they are not paid memberships. Here is a list of the recipients of these honorary memberships:

No. 0001 - Platinum

Auctioned off each month for the benefit of an appropriate non-profit organization.

No. 0002 - Platinum

Retained by the Society for special exhibition.

No. 0003 - Platinum

Donated to the Smithsonian Institution Collection.

No. 0004 - Sterling Silver

Donated to the American Numismatic Society Collection.

No. 0005 - Sterling Silver

Donated to the American Numismatic Association Collection.

No. 0006 - Sterling Silver

Donated to the Money Museum of the Chase Manhattan Bank.

No. 0007 - Sterling Silver

Donated to the Money Museum of the National Bank of Detroit.

No. 0008 - Sterling Silver

Donated to the Numismatic News Collection.

No. 0009 - Sterling Silver

Donated each month to a special museum or organization particularly interested in the subject being commemorated.

No. 5252 - Sterling Silver

Mr. Joseph M. Segel, Chairman of the NCS Board, bought the last numbered membership before the membership rolls closed (he and his wife also bought membership numbers 0010 and 0011). Mr. Segel has since donated membership 5252 back to the Society, and the proof struck with this last number each month is presented to the sculptor of the coin-medal.



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NEW "TRUE PROOF" QUALITY INTRODUCED TO NCS COMMEMORATIVES

Beginning with the 6th Commemorative in the NCS series, which is being issued to all Members in good standing along with this Newsletter, NCS is proud to adopt the "true proof" finish typical of earlier U.S. proof coins and current proof coins produced by the Royal Mint of London.

This "true proof" quality is characterized by satin-frosted relief areas set off against a highly reflective background, with fine reeding on the edges.

Current production runs of U.S. proof coins do not have a consistent "true proof" finish, because it is not practical to maintain such a finish on runs of several million pieces. This finish requires repolishing and re-etching the dies at very frequent intervals. So, only the first few hundred pieces produced from each new set of U.S. proof coin dies have this prized finish.

Although there are several coin manufacturers in the United States who can produce coins and medals with two-tone finishes, NCS withheld adopting this type of finish until the necessary facilities were established to maintain the very high standard of quality and consistency comparable to the standards of the Royal Mint of London.

NCS proofs are now being produced at the Minting Division of General Numismatics Corp. in Yeadon, Penna., a suburb of Philadelphia. At this unique plant, specialized equipment and advanced minting techniques have been employed to produce what we believe are the first consistent "true proof" coins made in the United States in many years. General Numismatics was formed as a result of the joint efforts of Gilroy Roberts, who was formerly Chief Sculptor-Engraver of the U.S. Mint, and Joseph M. Segel, who is Chairman of the Board of NCS.

General Numismatics has announced that it plans to install additional equipment soon so that it can handle orders from other organizations, besides NCS, who are interested in having "true proof" coins or medals produced.

FELIX SCHLAG TO DO HERBERT HOOVER COIN-MEDAL FOR NCS

Another milestone for NCS. Our Board Chairman, Joseph M. Segel, has coaxed Felix Schlag out of retirement to design and sculpt the 6th NCS Commemorative, which the members voted to be a memorial tribute to Herbert Hoover.

Mr. Schlag has probably turned down more commissions offered in recent years than any other sculptor alive. The last medallion commission he accepted was to design the Jefferson Nickel, which was awarded to him in a nationwide competition of sculptors in 1938. Shortly thereafter, he retired from the field of sculpturing and built a thriving photographic business. In 1959, he retired completely. Several months ago, he was "rediscovered", as he puts it, by the numismatic fraternity and has made several appearances recently on the speakers' platform at numismatic conventions.

Mr. Schlag accepted the NCS Commission only after being convinced that he would be the only prominent contemporary medallion sculptor absent from the series if he did not accept. So, NCS members will soon have the unique honor of receiving a limited-edition proof of the first numismatic piece designed by Felix Schlag since the Jefferson Nickel. And, considering the

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that Mr. Nelson is quite independent, it may well be the last commission he chooses to accept.

The final count of ballots for the subject of the 8th NCS Commemorative was as follows:

- A Memorial Tribute to Eleanor Roosevelt 125
- A Commemorative of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima 139
- A Commemorative of the 4th NCS Building Fund 149
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GASPARRO MOVES UP

Following the resignation of Gabriel Roberts as Chief Sculptor-Engineer of the U.S. Mint, Frank Gasparro was named Acting Chief Sculptor-Engineer. Mr. Gasparro was the designer of the 1905 Francis Scott Key Coin-Medal issued last month. The position of Chief Sculptor-Engineer is a presidential appointment, and President Johnson has not yet decided on Mr. Roberts' permanent replacement.

PLATINUM PROOF OF 3rd BRINGS \$2,125.00

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 3rd NCS Commemorative - the American Indian Coin-Medal - was auctioned at the G.E.N.A. convention auction on December 5. At the conclusion of spirited bidding, Louis S. Warner of New York City purchased this platinum proof for \$2,125.00. The entire proceeds were turned over to the American Numismatic Association.

The A.N.A. has now realized a total of \$6,200.00 from the auction sales of the No. 1 Platinum Proofs of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th NCS Commemoratives. This makes NCS the largest contributor to the A.N.A. Building Fund to date. After the next two platinum proofs are sold, NCS expects to be officially designated as a "Benefactor" of A.N.A. and will be the first organization to receive this honor if no other organization steps forward earlier with a contribution of \$10,000.00 or more.

Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 3rd NCS Commemorative was auctioned off a month after Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 4th, because of a change in auction date scheduling. Another change, the elimination of the

tentatively scheduled auction which was to be held at the Florida United Numismatists convention in January, has resulted in a postponement of the setting of a date for the auctioning of Platinum Proof No. 1 of the 5th NCS Commemorative. A.N.A. officials are expected to have chosen the auction at which to offer this piece by the time our next monthly Newsletter goes to press, and the date will be announced at that time.

IWO JIMA TO BE SUBJECT OF 9th COMMEMORATIVE

"A Commemorative of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima" was the winning subject on the ballot for the 9th NCS Commemorative, which will be issued in March.

The official count was as follows:

- A Commemorative of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima 125
- A Commemorative of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima 139
- A Commemorative of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima 149
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- A Commemorative of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima 149

The subjects with the second and third largest number of votes are being carried over to the current ballot. The subject with the least number of votes, "A Memorial Tribute to Eleanor Roosevelt" has been removed from the ballot, and two new subjects, that have been duly nominated and seconded by several members, have been added to the ballot this month.

This month's ballot, which must be received at NCS Headquarters by January 15, 1945, thus lists:

- A Commemorative of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima 125
- A Commemorative of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima 139
- A Commemorative of the Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima 149
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NCS MOVING TO LARGER OFFICES

On January 5, NCS will consolidate its offices in new larger quarters at the corner of Overbrook Station Square in Philadelphia. (Zip Code: 19151). All future mail for NCS should carry this new address, as does the enclosed reply envelope.